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## THE SOUTHERN STATES MAKE NEW SNOW RECORDS

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 27.—Snow fall to depth marking new records for periods of from three to twenty years are reported from several Southern States and the Weather Bureau predicted further snow in sixteen states in the East and in the South down to Alabama-Mississippi line. Virginia reported the heaviest snow in many years. Lynchburg had eleven inches; Raleigh seven.

## KING PLEADS FOR MERCY

Sofia, Jan. 24.—King Boris of Bulgaria appealed to the Allies to postpone the payment of some of Bulgaria's reparations in the Christmas message he sent to the United States through The Associated Press.

"Standing here in the midst of a people bowed in sorrow and suffering, in my country that is prostrate and dismembered," the King said, "I should like at this season of peace and good-will to mankind to appeal to the great nations of the earth to grant Bulgaria some reward and compensation for her exemplary conduct during the past three years and for her faithful discharge of treaty obligations.

"I know my people may look with hope and confidence to the over-coming of the American government to raise its voice in our behalf in European councils when the revision of existing treaties is considered. We are especially anxious that our situation should be taken up at the forthcoming European conference in which we hope the United States will participate.

"Unless Bulgaria is afforded some relief from her present intolerable burdens and unless the Allies see fit to postpone some of our reparation payments I am afraid the country may reach a state of economic financial and moral exhaustion. Also, it is vital to our economic existence that we have free access to the sea."

King Boris added in a subsequent chat with the correspondent that he hoped his country has passed the crisis but, he went on, "we are still in a period of convalescence. We are still struggling to catch our breath. It will be a long time before we are out of danger."

The King declared that Bulgaria would endeavor by the policy of peace, labor and forbearance to merit continuance of the support and sympathy of the United States and to deserve the approval of the Allies.

## Ship Subsidy

Washington, Jan. 27.—Chairman Lasker has completed a plan for an American ship subsidy and it is ready for presentation to President Harding. The important feature of the plan is that it provides for a "reasonable profit" for ship operators. While Lasker said he did not wish to discuss details of the plan, he admitted that it establish a limit to profits which could be made by operators, and that the first burden of earnings would be placed on the indirect subsidy-import duties, tonnage allotments and mail subventions. Mr. Lasker further said that the plan is to have the subsidy administered by the Shipping Board under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

## ROBBERS HOLD UP BANK AND KILL CASHIER

(By Associated Press.)

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 27.—Five men walked into the First National Bank of Crafton, a suburb, killed Harold Moss, Assistant Cashier, locked five clerks and a woman customer in the vault and fled with thirty thousand dollars in an automobile. They later fought a battle with city detectives and separating, dashed into downtown buildings.

## MARTIAL CONDITION OF THE POPULATION

(By U. S. Press)

Washington, Jan. 27.—The Bureau of the census has issued a statement showing the total male population of the United States to be 53,900,431, which included 36,920,663 men and boys 15 years of age and over. Of the latter number, 12,967,565 were single, 21,849,266 were married, 1,758,308 were widowed, 235,224 were divorced, and for the remaining 110,240 the marital condition was not ascertained by the enumerators.

The total number of females in the United States, 51,810,189, included 35,177,515 women and girls 15 years of age and over. Of the latter number, 9,316,902 were single, 21,318,933 were married, 3,917,625 were widowed, 273,304 were divorced, and for the remaining 50,751 the marital condition was not reported. The difference of 530,333 between the numbers of married men and of married women was due principally to the presence in the United States of many foreign-born married men who had left their wives in the countries of their former residence.

The census figures give no indication of the total number of persons who have been divorced, but show merely the number of divorced persons who had not remarried at the time the census was taken.

Mr. R. T. Piland and little daughter Francis is expected to arrive tomorrow night from Suffolk, Va., to spend the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Allsbrook.

## Ship Board To Quit Operations

(By U. S. Press)

Washington, Jan. 27.—Within two years from July 1, it is hoped that the Shipping Board will be able to get out of ship operation, according to Chairman A. D. Lasker. The present chartering system will be continued, the Chairman said, with a minimum of loss and an increased efficiency "to which the results of the past cannot be compared." Financial statements of the Board are submitted as proof that costs of operation have decreased, and that greater confidence exists toward Shipping Board operations.

World shipping conditions are expected to improve. The surplus tonnage is expected to disappear, but in the meantime the Board will retain the present chartering system, although it is not in sympathy with it. "However," Mr. Lasker added, "our monthly operating loss on actual voyage accounts is less than \$1,000,000, in return for which expenditures we are maintaining permanent lines under the Shipping Board to practically every port in the world, as directed in the merchant marine act."

## Parent-Teacher Association Considers Many Things For The Good Of The Town

The Parent-Teacher Association held a very interesting meeting at the school building yesterday afternoon and heard reports from the various committees which are at work for the general good of the town and the school.

The most interesting report made was that of the Playground committee, which reported that the playground equipment had been all installed at a cost of nearly six hundred dollars, all of which had been paid. Attention was called to the fact that this represented an expenditure of more than seven hundred dollars, but all commission was allowed them by the Scotland Neck Furniture Co., through which it was ordered and that the railroad company allowed the freight.

The committee on health reported that although they had nothing actually accomplished to report, that they had plans for acquiring scales and would measure and weigh the children at regular intervals in order to determine, for the information of parents, if the children were properly nourished and making desired gains in weight and growth.

Really the most important matter before the meeting was the discussion of the approach to the building from Main Street. Drawings and plans prepared by Mrs. Matherly, of the University of North Carolina, and by Mr. P. A. Roberts, city engineer, were exhibited, and explained to the meeting by Mr. Huggins. These plans not only showed the driveway, but also plans for beautifying the grounds. Mr. Norfleet S. Smith, who had had prepared for this meeting an estimate of the cost of the driveway then explained the proposed plan and gave the cost of curbing and gutter, grading, excavation and graveing of the roadway and space in front of building as between \$1,450.00 and \$1,500.00.

It was the opinion of the meeting that a committee should be appointed to go before the School Board and ask that this work be done in order not to leave the school grounds in an unfinished condition, believing that this plan should be carried out so that this driveway would conform and harmonize with the street improvements providing as it does for a grass plot in the centre of the horse-shoe driveway. This committee was appointed and instructed to appear before the board at the earliest possible moment. If the necessary money is appropriated for this purpose then it is the purpose of the association to go to work to improve the grounds by planting grass, shrubbery, etc., according to the plans, which it is estimated will cost around \$500.00. This the ladies are willing to take upon themselves.

Mrs. Haywood Hyman then made an appeal for the Library Association, asking the Parent-Teachers to get behind this vital community necessity. A committee was appointed to act with a committee from the Chamber of Commerce to take up the matter of improvement around the railroad station with the proper authorities and see that the work is done without delay.

The unsightly appearance of the Wood property was then presented to the meeting and thoroughly discussed, everyone agreeing that something should be done to do away with this blot upon the landscape. Mr. R. L. Hardy was appointed Chairman of a committee, who were instructed to call upon the property owners and request that these lots be cleaned up forthwith.

This Association realizes that all of these questions are of vital importance to the town and the school.

## UNDERWOOD URGES THE ENDORSEMENT OF FORD OFFER

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, Jan. 27.—Senator Underwood urged Secretary Weeks to approve the Ford Muscle Shoals offer when he sends contract to Congress. He afterwards said that he believed Secretary Weeks would give a "friendly" but not unqualified endorsement.

## CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION OF NAT. LAND POLICY

Washington, Jan. 27.—Recommendations for the appointment of a Federal Commission to formulate a national land policy, including all questions of reclamation and irrigation, was adopted by the National Agricultural Conference, and opposed the opening of more land for farming until normal economic situation was restored.

## WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Rain on the coast and snow in the interior this afternoon and tonight. Colder on the coast tonight. Saturday fair with rising temperature in the interior. Fresh and strong east to north winds.

## NARROWNESS AND SUPERSTITION HANDICAP TO WOMEN

Moscow, Jan. 26.—Madame Alexandra Kollanty, one of the leaders of the Russian feminist movement, charges, in an article she has written in the Pravda, that petty bourgeoisie narrowness and superstition are preventing women having the voice they merit in the Soviet government.

She says that no woman was a voting delegate at the Communist conference preceding the Ninth All-Russian Soviet Congress held here and that only 24 women were included among the 2,000 voters at the Congress, despite the fact that 50 percent of Russian voters are women.

She alleges that women are very active in politics but less than three percent of the membership of town Soviets is represented by women, and in the village Soviets they have only two-tenths of one percent of the membership.

Furthermore, she states there are only five women members in the Central Executive Committee of 300 which is Russia's chief governing body.

Madame Kollanty declares that such discrimination against women greatly retards the reestablishment of agriculture in which peasant women play an important part.

tance to the town and it is the purpose of the organization to push these things, as well as a general beautification of the various streets with renewed energy. At a later meeting the subject of general tree and grass planting on the various streets will be taken up.

A great deal of interest is manifested by the ladies in these various undertakings and it is hoped that those others of the community who are not now members will become associated with the organization at once.

## HEAVIEST SNOW IN 20 YEARS

(By Associated Press.)

Danville, Va., Jan. 27.—Snow fell to a depth of twelve inches here during the night and is still falling. Car traffic is tied up. This is the heaviest fall of snow within twenty years.

## MOTOR CO. ROBBED OF NEARLY 200 THOUSAND

(By Associated Press.)

Hattiesburg, Miss., Jan. 27.—The Girault Motor Company was robbed of one hundred and eighty thousand dollars in securities by two men who held up the night clerk.

## KING ADVOCATES DRASTIC CONTROL MEASURES

(By Associated Press.)

Christiania, Norway, Jan. 27.—The King has announced that the government would submit bills for the establishment of a State monopoly on the importation of cereals, flour, brandy and compulsory arbitration of labor disputes.

## In Behalf of Some Banks

(By U. S. Press)

Washington, Jan. 27.—Declaring that his scheme would end the fight between country banks and Federal reserve banks over par collection of checks, Chairman McFadden, of the banking committee, introduced a bill providing that a bank not a member of the Federal reserve system may elect whether it will make an exchange charge when remitting for checks drawn upon it. If the bank decides to do so, it will be required to pay similar charges for the service rendered by the Federal reserve banks in the collection of such checks.

## LONDON CLUBMEN IN STRAINED CONDITIONS

(By Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 26.—London clubmen has for a long time been in a bad way financially, and something like a crisis seems to have set in at the end of the year. It is said that resignations from prominent clubs have been pouring in by the hundreds and that club secretaries are at their wits' end how to carry on.

One club has already sent out an S. O. S. to its members, begging them to pay their dues for 1922 during the current month, failing which there will be a foreclosure on the club premises.

Few men nowadays belong to more than one club, instead of half a dozen as was the rule in more prosperous times, and commercially valuable members, meaning those who go to their club daily and spend money there on food, wine and cigars, are somewhat scarce.

## LEPER TREATS HIMSELF FOR FIVE YEARS

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 27.—Carl Oscar Peterson, of Rockwood, Ill., is a patient in Cook County Hospital suffering from leprosy after treating himself for five years with patent medicines thinking he had a skin disease.

## EVERYBODY BUYING AND SELLING

(By Associated Press.)

Moscow, Jan. 26.—"Skolka" (How much?) has become a general term of salutation in Russia. Everybody is buying and selling. There is practically nothing which cannot be bought if sufficient money is offered.

Trade is not confined to the market places. It is carried on everywhere in the streets. It isn't bad manners to stop a man on the street and ask him how much he wants for his beaver cap, or his astrakhan-trimmed overcoat. No woman takes it as an affront to be asked how much she will take for her stable stole or silver purse.

There are any well-dressed persons moving about the street in finery which doesn't belong to them, but is being shown in the hope that they may get an offer for it and have a chance to earn a commission.

Improvised cafes which are springing up everywhere under the direction of members of the former bourgeoisie are frequently furnished with elaborate upholstered chairs and divans from some once grand drawing room. The walls are lined with oil paintings and tapestries. The porcelain frequently bears the crests of famous families. It is all for sale.

The cultivated waitresses are frequently money-changers who will buy foreign exchange or undertake any sort of business commissions.

Recently, a party of Americans, including several women attended mass at one of the famous churches in Moscow. When the priests in their gorgeous gold gowns marched through the mass of standing worshippers one of the men warned the women: "When those priests pass you don't take hold of their robes and ask 'Skolka?'"

## PRESENT AGENCIES PROVIDING FOR LOANS TO FARMERS CONSIDERED ADEQUATE

(By Associated Press.)

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 27.—Information placed before the Joint Congressional Committee holding hearings here today was that the present agencies for supplying funds to farmers were adequate provided they are made more elastic and that loans are made sooner after applications are filed.

## COTTON MARKET

### TODAY'S MARKET

March	16.17
May	16.20
July	15.86
October	15.25
December	15.32
YESTERDAY'S MARKET	
March	16.36
May	16.07
July	15.71
October	15.15
December	15.03